

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figs. 2, 3 and 12 of the drawings with the replacement sheets containing Figs. 2, 3 and 12 submitted herewith. The replacement sheets are submitted to comply with the Examiner's requirement for the same.

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of December 5, 2002 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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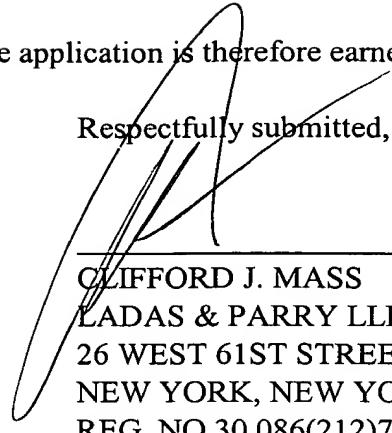
The Examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 USC § 112 as lacking description in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that page 15 lines 22-23 provide clear antecedent basis for the "resilient clips" recited in claim 9.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 16, 19 and 20 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Furuhata. The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 5 and 12 under 35 USC § as unpatentable over Furuhata and further in view of Fujimori.

In order to overcome the rejections advanced by the Examiner, amendatory action has been taken in the claims. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the construction of the inner case and its relation with one of the outer cases to accommodate the color beam split optical system. It is respectfully submitted that Furuhata (as well as the other cited references) fail to disclose the construction now claimed in which the optical system of the invention is attached to the open inner case.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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